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SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCH, JULY 22

BEGIN SUMMARY: AT THEIR REGULAR WEEKLY LUNCHEON MEETING ON JULY 22, NATO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

1. DATES OF DECEMBER 1975 NAC MINISTERIAL;
2. FIXING DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE NAC MINISTERIALS;
3. DETENTE AND SOVIET ROLE IN PORTUGAL;
4. THE PROTUGUESE POLITICAL SITUATION;
5. SIZE OF ALLIED DELEGATIONS AT HELSINKI CSCE SUMMIT;
6. NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) SEPT MEETING IN COPENHAGEN;
7. NATO EXERCISE " DEEP EXPRESS";
8. FRG INVITATION FOR PERMREPS TO VISIT BERLIN;

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9. CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AT AFCENT; AND

10. PROPOSED PERMREPS VISIT TO OBSERVE STANAVFORLANT.

FOLLOWING AN AUGUST BREAK, THE NEXT PERMREPS LUNCH IS SHCEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16. END SUMMARY.

CAUTION: THE "PERMREPS LUNCH" IS AN INFORMAL SUBSTANTIVE BUT EXPLICITLY OFF THE RECORD MEETING ON NATO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES PLUS THE SYG AND DSYG. THESE LUNCHEONS TAKE PLACE EVERY TUESDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR (EXCEPT AUGUST) AND HAVE BECOME A CHERISHED INSTITUTION AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. AN ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDING OF THESE LUNCHEON DISCUSSIONS IS THAT THEY ARE INFORMAL WITH PERMREPS SPEAKING PERSONALLY IN MANY CASES, CONFIDENT THAT THEIR UNINSTRUCTED COMMENTS, IF REPORTED, WILL NOT BE ATTRIBUTED BY NAME. ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOT REFER TO PERMREPS LUNCH DISCUSSIONS IN CONTACTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND NEVER ATTRIBUTE A PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMENTS BY NAME. END CAUTION.

1. DATES OF DECEMBER 1975 NAC MINISTERIAL

CHARGE LOGAN (UK) SAID LONDON HAD NOW FALLEN OFF OF THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER FOR THE FALL NAC MINISTERIAL. CHARGE PEREZ (US) (IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 171599) SAID WASHINGTON STRONGLY FAVORED DECEMBER 11-12. SVART (DENMARK) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT ALSO FAVORED THESE DATES. THERE SEEMED TO BE A GENERAL CONSENSUS, EXCEPT FOR THE UK, THAT THE DATES FOR THE DECEMBER NAC MINISTERIAL SHOULD BE DECEMBER 11-12. LOGAN SAID IN VIEW OF THIS HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT LONDON ACCEPT THESE DATES. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) ASKED KRAPF (FRG) IF DATES HAD BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE FALL NPG MEETING. KRAPF SAID NONE HAD YET BEEN SET.

2. FIXING DATES OF FUTURE NAC MINISTERIALS

LOGAN RAISED THE QUESTION OF FIXING REGULAR DATES FOR THE FALL BRUSSELS NAC MINISTERIALS. HE THOUGHT FIXED DATES IN DECEMBER MIGHT BE AGREED UPON FALLING ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH OF THE MONTH. THIS PROPOSAL SEEMED TO MEET GENERAL APPROVAL AND PERMREPS ASKED ASYG PANSO TO ISSUE A PO FOR DECISION BY MINISTERS. PEREZ NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR BRUCE HAD MADE SUCH A PROPOSAL TO THE PERMREPS LAST MARCH. THE PERMREPS THEN DISCUSSED FIXING OF REGULAR DATES FOR THE SPRING NAC MINISTERIALS. DE STAERCKE THOUGHT DECISION ON THIS WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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BEST DEFERRED UNTIL THE SPRING MINISTERIAL IN OSLO NEXT YEAR. IN CONNECTION WITH SPRING NAC MINISTERIALS, A NUMBER OF PERMREPS THOUGHT THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WAS TO DECIDE ON THE VENUE FOR THE FUTURE MEETINGS AND THEN TO HAVE THE DESIGNATED HOST COUNTRY SET THE DATES IN ADVANCE. COMMENT: AS REPORTED IN USNATO 3791, THE UK HAS AGREED TO HOST THE SPRING MINISTERIAL IN 1977 AND THE NETHERLANDS IN 1978.

3. DETENTE AND SOVIET ROLE IN PORTUGAL

PANSO, NOTING A CURRENT RUETERS REPORT ALLEGING CIA ESTIMATES THAT SOVIET AID TO THE COMMUNISTS PARTY IN PORTUGAL EXCEEDS \$10 MILLION A MONTH, WONDERED WHETHER THE ALLIES SHOULD TRY TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF THE SOVIET ROLE IN PORTUGAL IN THE

CONTEXT OF THE CSCE SUMMIT AT HELSINKI. DE FREITAS CRUZ (PORTUGAL) THOUGHT THE FIGURE OF \$10 MILLION WAS EXAGGERATED AND HE WAS SUPPORTED BY SVART WHO ALSO THOUGHT THIS ESTIMATE WAS TOO HIGH. MENZIES (CANADA) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD CONSIDERED MATTER AND THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER NOT TO SAY ANYTHING AT HELSINKI TO THE SOVIETS SINCE IT COULD GIVE THE RUSSIANS A FEELING OF GREATER POWER WITH REGARD TO EUROPE. FURTHERMORE, IT MIGHT BE PREMATURE, GIVEN THE PRESENTLY CONFUSED SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AND ITS UNCERTAIN OUTCOME. MENZIES THOUGHT THE BEST APPROACH AT HELSINKI WOULD BE TO EMPHASIZE THE ATTACHMENT OF THE ALLIANCE TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AS SPELLED OUT IN THE OTTAWA DECLARATION. DE FREITAS CRUZ SAID IF BY THE TIME OF THE CSCE SUMMIT IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT GONCALVES AND THE COMMUNISTS ARE ON THE VERGE OF A COMMUNIST TAKEOVER, IT WOULD THEN BE GOOD IF SOMEONE HAD THE COURAGE TO SAY SOMETHING.

4. THE PORTUGUESE POLITICAL SITUATION

DE FREITAS CRUZ SAID THAT HE WAS MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN 24 HOURS AGO CONCERNING THE PORTUGUESE INTERNAL POLITICAL SCENE. CHARACTERIZING HIMSELF AS BOTH CAUTIOUS AND OPTIMISTIC, HE THOUGHT THAT THE EVENTS OF LAST WEEK SHOWED THAT THE HAND OF THE COMMUNISTS CAN BE CALLED AND HE NOTED THAT SOARES SHOWS HE KNOWS HOW TO DEAL WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE WILL OF THE CHURCH AND THE SOCIALIST PARTIES WHICH REPRESENT THE GREATEST MAJORITY OF THE COUNTRY. MENZIES ASKED DE FREITAS CRUZ IF HE THOUGHT THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY FORCES ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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CAPABLE OF TAKING AND HOLDING POWER. DE FREITAS CRUZ REPLIED HE DID NOT FEEL THAT THEY WERE CAPABLE OF DOING SO, GIVEN THE LACK OF DISCIPLINE AND CONFUSION WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES.

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5. SIZE OF ALLIED DELEGATIONS AT HELSINKI CSCE SUMMIT

MENZIES ASKED FOR THE IMPRESSION SO FOTHER PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT THE SIZE OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS DELEGATIONS ATTENDING THE HELSINKI CSCE SUMMIT. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED PEREX IF HE KNEW THE SIZE OF THE DELEGATION WHICH WOULD ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT FORD. PEREZ RESPONDED HE AS YET HAD NO INDICATION. LOGAN SAID HIS INFORMATION INDICATED THE OFFICIAL UK DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF ONLY FOUR PEOPLE, PLUS SECRETARIES AND SECURITY PEOPLE. HIS AUTHORITIES FEEL THEIR DELEGATION SHOULD BE SMALL AND LOW KEY TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THEY WERE IN HELSINKI TO SIGN A DECLARATIO AND NOT TO NEGOTIATE ONE. HE NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT SIR JOHN KILLICK HAD DECIDED THAT IT WAS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO ATTEND. KRAPT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THE SIZE OF THE FRG DELEGATION BUT CERAINLY IT WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT BE TOO SMALL. HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) THOUGHT HIS DELEGATION WOULD BE SMALL. CATALANO (ITALY) NOTED HIS GOVERNMENT USUALLY SENDS TOO MANY TO SUCH OCCASIONS. DE FREITAS CRUZ THOUGHT THE PORUTGUESE DELEGATION WOULD BE SMALL BUT HE COULD NOT BE SURE. HE SAID GONCALVES WOULD NOT GO BUT RATHER COSTA GOMES WOULD LEAD THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION.

6. NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) SEPT MEETING IN COPENHAGEN

MENZIES RAISED THE MATTER OF THE NAA ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR LATE SEPTEMBER IN COPENHAGEN. HE NOTED THAT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PLENARY IS ON SEPT 25TH AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGHT THE 26TH. HE ALSO POINTED TO THE FACT THAT THE COUNCIL HAS BEE INVITED TO ANTWERP FOR LUNCH ON THE 26 TH BY THE COMMANDING OFFICERS OF STANAVFORLANT AND STANAVFORCHAN. KRAPF SAID HE WOULD BE ATTENDING THE NAA FOR ONE DAY WHICH IS TRADITIONAL. NONE OF THE OTHER PERMREPS HAD AS YET MAKE PLANS FOR THESE DATES. IN A GENERAL DISCUSSION , A NUMBER OF PERMREPS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THEY HAD NOT FOUND ATTENDING THE NAA ANNUAL MEETINGS TO BE PROFITABLE AND SOME SEEMED PARTICUALRLY UNHAPPY ABOUT THE WAY THE NOVEMBER 1974 LONDON NAA ANNUAL SESSION HAD GONE. SOME PERMREPS

THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE MORE PROFITABLE TO ATTEND THE INDIVIDUAL COMMITTED MEETINGS DURING THE ANNUAL SESSION RATHER THAN THE PLENARY MEETINGS. IN THESE SMALLER BUSINESS SESSIONS, THERE WOULD BE A CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VARIOUS PARLIAMENTARIANS. KRAPF THOUGHT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GIVE THE PARLIAMENTARIANS THE FEELING THAT THE COUNCIL WAS INTERESTED IN THEIR WORK, AND FOR THIS REASON HE THOUGHT THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND. THE GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS WOULD COME BACK FROM COPEHNAGEN IN TIME FOR THE STANAVFORLANT LUNCHEON IN ANTWERP.

7. NATO EXERCISE " DEEP EXPRESS"

ASYG PANSANOTED THAT THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE WOULD SOON AGREE ON A DRAFT PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING EXERCISE " DEEP EXPRESS" SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN TURKISH THRACE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. HE EMPHASIZED THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS EXERCISE HAD BEEN CAREFULLY MADE IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THE EXERCISE AREA TO AVOID INFRINGING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE ADJOINING COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT THE DPC WOULD BE ASKED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROVE THE DRAFT PRESS RELEASE BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION BY PERMREPS, INCLUDING GREEK CHARGE RAPHAEL.

8. FRG INVITATION FOR PERMREPS TO VISIT BERLIN

KRAPF NOTED THAT NEW MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL HAD BEEN INVITED IN THE PAST AT ABOUT TWO YEAR INTERVALS TO VISIT WEST BERLIN. ACCORDINGLY, HE INVITED THOSE AMBASSADORS WHO HAD NOT YET VISITED BERLIN TO DO SO. KRAPF DID NOT HAVE ANY FIXED DATE IN MIND BUT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AROUND THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER. HE SAID THE VISIT WOULD BE FOR THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER. HE SAID THE VISIT WOULD BE FOR TWO AND A HALF DAYS AND AT THE EXPENSE OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

9. CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AT AFCEANT

PANSANOTED THAT THE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AT AFCEANT IN BRUNSSUM TO WHICH SOME NATO AMBASSADORS HAD BEEN INVITED. HE NOTED THAT SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS HAS NEVER ATTENDED SUCH CEREMONIES IN THE PAST AND THAT THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AS A GROUP HAD NEVER ATTENDED. SOME HAVE GONE SEPARATELY AND PANSANOTED THAT THE PRESENT INVITATION WAS ISSUED ONLY TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THOSE AMBASSADORS WHOSE COUNTRIES HAVE FORCES IN THE AFCEANT REGION. HARTOGH SAID HE WAS GOING BECAUSE THE CEREMONY WAS TAKING PLACE IN THE NETHERLANDS.

10. PROPOSED PERMREPS VISIT TO OBSERVE STANAVFORLANT

PANSANOTED THAT SYG LUNS HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ADMIRAL KIDD SUGGESTING A POSSIBLE INVITATION TO NATO AMBASSADORS TO OBSERVE STANDING NAVAL ATLANTIC EXERCISES AT SEA IN EUROPEAN WATERS. THE EXERCISES WOULD OCCUR SOMETIME IN THE

AUTUMN AND TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE PROVIDED BY ADMIRAL KIDD.
IT WAS NOT ANTICIPATED THE THE COUNCIL AS A BODY WOULD ATTEND
BUT RATHER THAT SMALL GROUPS OF AMBASSADORS WOULD MAKE SHIP
VISITS AT SEA. ALL THE AMBASSADORS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN
PRINCIPLE AND THOUGHT THAT ADMIRAL KIDD SHOULD SEND INVITATIONS.
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